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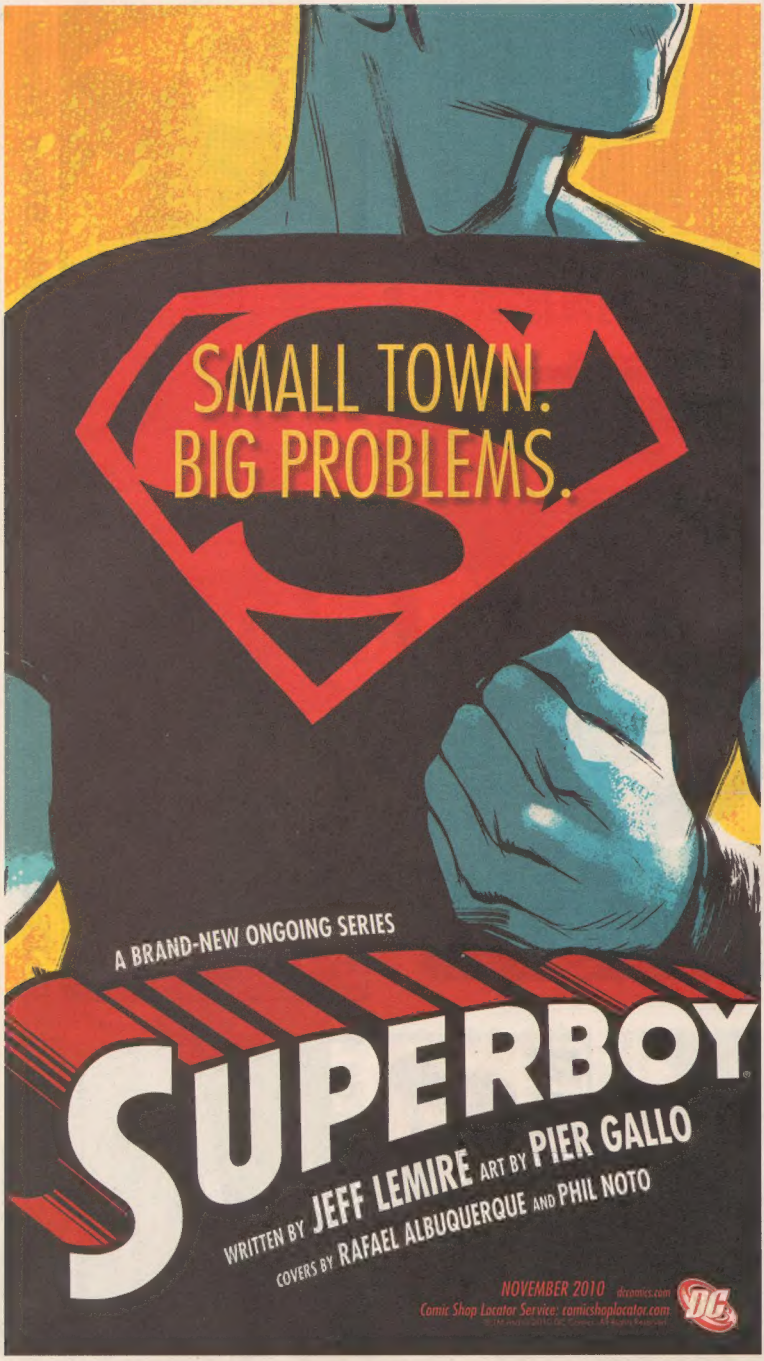
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Here Comes the Spider-Girl

For the past few years, readers have known Anya Corazon as Araña, but she's about to upgrade to a new superhero identity as she adopts the Spider-Girl name. But what does that mean for her and for that other web-slinger?

This is more than just a name change, writer *Paul Tobin* explained in a Marvel press conference. So is Corazon pleased with the change, or is it a little intimidating? "It's a little bit of both," Tobin said. That's something we're going to address right off the bat in the backup story in ***Amazing Spider-Man #648***. Becoming Araña came to her out of the blue, and now she's graduating to a new role as Spider-Girl. Anya feels like a lot of her life is being channeled by fate. But she admires Spider-Man so much that just being associated with him by name will change the way she looks at herself. Being part of the spider-family is very important to her.

"I think she admires the man behind the Spider-Man costume," Tobin continued," because as a superhero herself, she's beginning to realize what the lifestyle means, what a sacrifice it requires."

"I think a big brother/little sister comparison is probably the most apt," editor *Tom Brennan* said. "I think that Peter Parker is going to feel some responsibility as someone who's run around town for years wearing a spider-costume and putting himself in danger." However, he realizes that she's a hero in her own right, and she has to be given room to figure out things on her own, just as she did when confronted with the many changes that accompany the superhero life.

The changes that Corazon has to deal with are far more than a new name. "Many of the powers that she had as Araña have been stripped away," Tobin said, "but luckily she's had an immense amount of training by some extraordinary people."

Her connection with Spider-Man will get even more direct when she is forced to confront some of her mentor's adversaries. "You'll see a lot of Spider-villains soon," Brennan said. Right off the bat, she's going to take on Screwball," then other Spider-villains will track her down. As far as Spidey's old enemies are concerned, "if there's a spider on it, they're going to be upset about it," Brennan said. "So don't be surprised if there's a hunt on for her," hinting that perhaps Kraven and his family will be involved.

Further down the line, she'll also have to deal with such intimidating challenges as the Red Hulk. "She won't be looking for the fight she gets in with the Red Hulk," Brennan said. "It all comes crashing into her life."

While Spider-Girl will have to deal with several Spider-foes to begin with, she will eventually get her own arch-enemy, but Tobin didn't want to offer any more information just yet. "As for the original Araña villains—well, they're a part of her past life, but right now we're shooting an arrow forward."

"There is someone waiting in the wings who has a score to settle," Brennan added.

Will Anya's change tie in to the "Big Time" arc that *Dan Slott* is launching in ***Amazing Spider-Man?*** "I've talked with Dan," Tobin said. "We had a mini-summit recently to talk about how the storylines are going to intertwine between ***Spider-Man*** and ***Spider-Girl***. What's happening in Peter Parker's life will definitely reverberate with Anya."

Brennan sees a lot of the early Spider-Man in Anya Corazon's Spider-Girl. "She's someone looking out for people on the streets," the editor said. "I'm not going to let Anya lose that sense of the heroic," Tobin added.

Don't look for lots of subplots from the now-cancelled ***Young Allies*** to continue into ***Spider-Girl***. "We want to make her own life the main focus," Tobin said, adding that "her friendship with Rikki Barnes is still important to her. And the Young Allies are a part of their life, so they'll be around—but we're trying to establish her as an individual."

As a young female hero in the Marvel Universe, it's only logical that she seek out another female hero to offer her some guidance, so "we are establishing a connection with Susan Richards," Tobin said. "A lot of that is established in ***Amazing Spider-Man #648*** and ***Spider-Girl #1***, so I don't want to say too much about it now." He did explain, though, that the two have known each other for a while, due in part to her father, a journalist, having previously interviewed the FF.

Anya's father will also play a part in the story as the two of them relocate to a new apartment—but she'll remain in the same school as before, providing some continuity in her life.

The original Spider-Girl (MayDay Parker, the daughter of Peter and Mary Jane) had a devoted following; does Tobin think that he can win over fans who might be apprehensive about the Spider-Girl name being given to another character? "I think so," the writer said, adding that he's also an avid fan of May Parker, but he doesn't see this as an either/or situation—that is, the existence of Anya Corazon as Spider-Girl in current Marvel continuity doesn't negate the existence of May Parker as Spider-Girl in the alternate continuity of *Tom DeFalco*'s earlier ***Spider-Girl*** series.

"Any Spider-Girl fans who are out there who are listening: if you loved the book before, with its focus on a young woman who had to live up to the Spider-Girl name, then we've got just the book for you!"

Spider-Girl #1 (SEP100575), a $3.99 comic by *Paul Tobin & Clayton Henry*, is scheduled for November 10th release. To see more art, visit http://www.csnsider.com/spotlight.htm

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IDW Deals with an Infestation

IDW is the home of several high-profile franchises, including ***Star Trek, Ghostbusters, Transformers,*** and ***G.I. Joe.*** Until now, though, those franchises have operated within their own distinctive universes. In early 2011, however, all four fictional realities will have to deal with an ***Infestation***—and this is the sort of infestation that neither Orkin nor Terminix can resolve.

Zombies are the critters doing the infesting in ***Infestation #1,*** courtesy of writers *Dan Abnett & Andy Lanning* and artist *David Messina.* "This is definitely one of those 'there's no way they'll ever do this' kind of events," IDW Chief Creative Officer Chris Ryall said. "But not only are we doing something fans never thought they'd see, we're doing it in a way that should confound and exceed their expectations. And doing it with real pros like Abnett and Lanning just makes it that much sweeter, especially knowing what they've got planned as a follow-up to this event."

Infestation #1 begins in IDW's own ***Zombies Vs. Robots*** universe, where something goes terribly wrong and ultimately infests the worlds of ***Transformers, Star Trek, G.I. Joe,*** and ***Ghostbusters*** with zombies and infected robots. From there, the story spins ferociously into each of the four properties throughout February and March, and culminates in April's bombastic finale, ***Infestation #2.***.

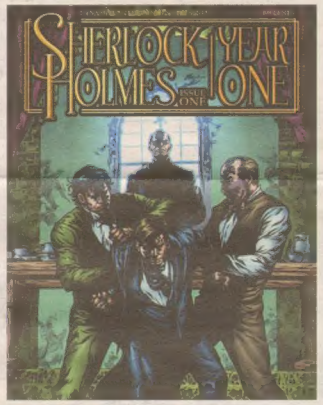
February brings ***Transformers Infestation #s 1 & 2*** and ***Star Trek: Infestation #s 1 & 2,*** a pair of biweekly miniseries (the former is written by Abnett and Lanning with art by *Nick Roche;* the latter is written by *Scott & David Tipton* with art by *Casey Maloney).*

The action continues in March in the pages of ***G.I. Joe: Infestation #s 1 & 2*** (by *Mike Raicht & Giovanni Timpano)* and ***Ghostbusters: Infestation*** (by *Erik Burnham & Kyle Hotz).* It all wraps up in ***Infestation #2,*** also by Abnett, Lanning, and Messina.

Artist *John K. Snyder III* will provide the covers for both issues of ***Infestation*** as well as the four limited series.

To further commemorate this "decade in the making" event, IDW will be releasing special incentive patches with every issue. Each embroidered, sew-on patch will feature "infected" logos of the four titles. Additional incentives include a painted cover by ***Zombies Vs. Robots*** co-creator *Ashley Wood* for ***Infestation #1,*** as well as a special 16-page sketchbook featuring zombified versions of the perennially popular characters from these four universes, as illustrated by artists associated with each property.

"We've found a way to involve all of these diverse titles in a massive storyline that has ties all the way back to the early days of IDW," Ryall added. "I think fans will be amazed by what we've pulled together here, as well as the stories that will come out of this once-in-my-lifetime event."



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•Dynamite takes a look at ***Sherlock Holmes: Year One*** in January in a six-part limited series by *Scott Beatty & Daniel Lindro.* The story focuses on Dr. John Watson as he meets young Sherlock Holmes in a fateful encounter that will shape both men's destinies.

•***Green Arrow*** and ***Teen Titans*** writer *J.T. Krul* has signed an exclusive deal with DC Comics. "To say I am thrilled about the exclusive at DC would be a gross understatement," Krul said. "I've loved each and every project I've worked on so far and am excited to know that I'll be writing for them, and specifically for ***Green Arrow*** and ***Teen Titans,*** for the long haul..."

•***Young Allies #6*** will be the final issue of Marvel's teen hero series—and that means that the already-solicited ***Young Allies #7 won't*** see print, alas!

•Dark Horse is adding three new manga to its line: ***Drifters*** by *Kohta Hirano* (creator of ***Hellsing***); ***Bloodline Battlefront*** by *Yasuhiro Night* (creator of ***Trigun***), and ***Shinjuki Book II: Azul*** (an illustrated novel by *Amano Yoshitaka & Christopher Morrison).*

Back to Press

•***Avengers: The Children's Crusade #1 3rd Printing*** (SEP108103), in stores 11/24.

•***Avengers Prime #1 3rd Printing*** (SEP108104), in stores 11/24.

•***Morning Glories #2 3rd Printing*** (SEP108025), in stores this week.

•***Morning Glories #3 2nd Printing*** (AUG108189), in stores 11/10.

•***Superior #1 2nd Printing*** (SEP108105), in stores 11/24.

•***X-Men #4 2nd Printing*** (SEP108106), in stores 11/24.

Coming Comics—DC in January

The last place Lex Luthor expected his quest for the Black Lantern energy to take him was Arkham Asylum - specifically to the cell of The Joker! What clues about Lex's quest could The Joker have to offer, and why on Earth would Lex trust him? Find out in *Paul Cornell & Pete Woods'* ***Action Comics #897.***

The all-new Green Lantern of the 31st century is revealed in *Paul Levitz's* ***Adventure Comics #522.*** This new GL also happens to be a Legionnaire, and his mission will tie into a major Legion event in 2011, the implications of which will rival those of "The Great Darkness Saga"! Wanna know more? Then add this comic to your must-read list!

In *Bryan Q. Miller & Pere Perez's* ***Batgirl #17,*** Batgirl is given her first sanctioned Batman Incorporated assignment solving a series of high-profile kidnappings, and she's thrilled... until Damian Wayne decides to ride shotgun.

The limited series proved so successful that ***Batman Beyond*** joins the DC lineup as an ongoing series beginning in January, courtesy of *Adam Beechen, Ryan Benjamin, & John Stanisci.* Terry McGinnis and Bruce Wayne are stronger than ever after the battle with "Hush" brought their alliance close to the breaking point. But now a super-powered criminal has gotten in way over his head – and the whole Justice League has come to Neo-Gotham to hunt him down. To top it all off, the crook's taken hostages... including Terry's mom!

In *Marc Guggenheim & Jerry Bingham's* "Super-Powers" part 3 of 5, Batman faces the Justice League for the first time! Take a trip down memory lane and witness a crucial Batmoment in ***Batman Confidential #52.***

Superstar artist *Jim Lee* returns to The Dark Knight in January, supplying the painted art over *Giuseppe Camuncoli's* layouts in ***Batman: Europa #1,*** written by *Brian Azzarello & Matteo Casali.* As the tale begins, Batman is on the verge of being taken down by an enemy he cannot defeat: a virus for which there is no cure. His only possible hope for salvation? The

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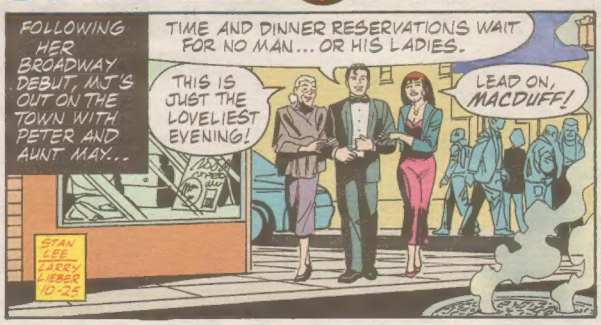
BY STAN LEE & LARRY LIEBER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Joker! Who infected Batman, what does the Clown Prince of Crime know, and what's the cure? That's what Batman is determined to find out! Future issues of the series will continue to present layouts by Camuncoli, with painted finishes supplied by *Diego Latorre* and *Jock*.

Batman and Catwoman travel to South America to reunite with Gaucho, Argentina's Batman Incorporated representative, in ***Batman Incorporated*** *#3* by *Grant Morrison, Yanick Paquette, & Michael LaCombe*. But their trip may be cut short when an unexpected adversary sends things spiraling downward!

Gail Simone, Ardian Syaf, & Vicente Sifuentes continue the shocking "Death of Oracle" arc in ***Birds of Prey*** *#8*, but the complications that will resonate through the DC Universe!

Hawkman and Hawkgirl pay a visit to the Star Sapphires in ***Brightest Day*** *#17*, but with the Hawks' connection to the cosmic corps, it looks like this meeting may end in bloodshed. And even more blood may be drawn as Captain Boomerang hunts down Deadman and Dove in ***Brightest Day*** *#18*.

The Final Night in the DC Universe forces Parallax to make the ultimate sacrifice in ***DC Universe Legacies*** *#9*... and the fate of Hal Jordan's soul hangs in the balance! No Green Lantern fan will want to miss this story by *Len Wein & Jesus Saiz*, with a Black Adam backup tale illustrated by *Bill Sienkiewicz*.

David Lapham & Greg Scott do the honors on ***Driver Special*** *#1*, a oneshot based on the videogame series. Veteran police detective John Tanner has gone deep undercover to bring down San Francisco crime kingpin Jericho—but before he can meet the boss himself, he must undergo one final initiation.

Geoff Johns & Francis Manapul continue the prelude to the summer's ***Flashpoint*** event in ***Flash*** *#10*. The new speedster known as Hot Pursuit has arrived on his Cosmic Motorcycle—but what terrible warning has he brought with him?

GOTHAM CITY SIRENS 19

With Talia al Ghul's treachery behind them, Zatanna approaches Selina with an offer Selina never even dreamed of – erasing Batman's secret identity from her mind! The question sends Selina on a spiritual journey to learn what it means to love and live and how significantly memory plays into both... and you can follow her odyssey in ***Gotham City Sirens*** *#19* by *Peter Calloway, Andres Guinaldo, & Bit*.

With Green Arrow back in full form, the gangs of Star City begin looking for their own MVPs to step forward. Are Star City and Ollie ready for Black Arrow? Find out in *J. T. Krul & Diogenes Neves'* "The Rise of Black Arrow," beginning in ***Green Arrow*** *#8*.

DC is referring to 2011 as "the year of Green Lantern," and they're kicking it off with ***Green Lantern*** *#62*, the conclusion to "New

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COVER STORY

INFESTATION #1
IDW Publishing
IDW unleashes their first-ever multi-title event, which features the zombie infestation of the separate worlds of the *Transformers*, *G.I. Joe*, *Ghostbusters*, and *Star Trek*! Spanning ten issues — two bookend issues and four two-issue mini-series per infested "realm" — this crossover promises thrills and chills galore!

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BATMAN: EUROPA #1
DC Comics
Superstar artist Jim Lee returns to The Dark Knight with this painted issue! Batman embarks upon a life or death journey across Europe when he is infected with an incurable virus, and his only hope for survival is tied to his greatest foe, The Joker!

400+ pages of cool stuff that starts shipping in January!

CHECK THESE OUT IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE:

Star Wars: Darth Vader and the Lost Command #1
Haunted by the events of *Revenge of the Sith*, Darth Vader must set aside his past and put his future on hold for a mission to the mysterious Ghost Nebula to locate — and if possible, rescue — a missing Imperial expeditionary force!

Delirium's Party: A Little Endless Storybook
The diminutive versions of The Endless from Neil Gaiman's *Sandman* mythos are back by popular demand in this new all-ages book from multiple award-winner, Jill Thompson!

Infestation #1
Erupting from IDW's *Zombies vs. Robots* universe, a zombie plague grips the unlikely worlds of *Transformers*, *G.I. Joe*, *Ghostbusters*, and *Star Trek*! The *Infestation* starts here, courtesy of writers Dan Abnett and Andy Lanning, and artist David Messina!

Who Is Jake Ellis? #1
Writer Nathan Edmondson and artist Tonci Zonjic turn the spy game on its head with this new series following Jon Moore, the most sought-after spy-for-hire in Europe's criminal world. His secret weapon? Jake Ellis, a psychic invisible to everyone except Moore!

Daredevil: Reborn #1
Following the apocalyptic events of *Shadowland*, a new evil is rising far from the mean streets of Hell's Kitchen. And the only man crazy enough to face it is a man with nothing left to lose. With the once-proud legacy of *Daredevil* in tatters, Andy Diggle and Davide Gianfelice chart the course for one man's the long road to redemption...

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Guardians" by *Geoff Johns, Doug Mahnke, & Christian Alamy.* The future of Hal Jordan and the Corps falls into doubt when they're betrayed by one of their own in a tale that paves the way for the upcoming ***War of the Green Lanterns***!

The final chapter of "JLA Omega" arrives as the World's Greatest Heroes and the Crime Syndicate struggle for survival in ***Justice League of America #52*** by *James Robinson & Mark Bagley* (who says goodbye to the ***JLA*** with this issue). But can the JLA defeat Omega Man, the harbinger of death? Can they save the Crime Syndicate's world and the Tangent Universe? And in the midst of this war between good and evil, which side will Dark Supergirl choose?

JUSTICE LEAGUE: GENERATION LOST 17

Max Lord's plan comes together in ***Justice League: Generation Lost #17.*** The United Nations revokes Checkmate's charter, Captain Atom is wanted for murder, and the JLI is still viewed as a colossal joke. Now the team will have to gather their wits to face a new enemy – Power Girl! Then, in #18, the JLI takes on their former teammate Power Girl, but will they pull their punches? Meanwhile, Max Lord continues his interrogation and torture of Blue Beetle, and Batman's investigation leads him to a discovery he would never have predicted!

It's an unhappy homecoming for Black Lightning when his reunion with his daughters, Thunder and Lightning, brings his Outsiders into a direct confrontation with the Justice Society of America in ***Outsiders #36*** by *Dan DiDio, Keith Giffen, & Mick Gray.*

The ***Action Comics/Secret Six*** crossover concludes in ***Secret Six #29*** by *Gail Simone & Jim Calafiore.* At the paid request of Lex Luthor, the Secret Six rush headlong into a deadly confrontation with Scandal's villainous father, Vandal Savage. But the Six have a score of their own to settle with Luthor—and unlike Superman, the Six fight dirty.

Blaze, the current ruler of Hell, has an offer for Mary and Billy Batson that may be too good to pass up! Left powerless, will the two former heroes have the strength to deny the devil? Can Freddy Freeman save them? And how does the Titan Osiris fit into it all? Find out in ***Shazam! #1,*** a one-shot special by *Eric Wallace & Cliff Richards.*

Starman/Congorilla #1, *James Robinson & Brett Booth's* tie-in to the "JLA Omega" storyline, follows the new blue and gold team of Congorilla and Mikaal Tomas as they work to unlock the secrets behind the toxic Omega Man's dark energy. To do this they must embark on a quest to find the Fountain of Youth, encountering diverse heroes from the DCU along the way including Animal Man, Sirocco and a certain wonder dog named Rex...

What kind of determination transforms a normal human being into a hero respected by the likes of Superman? Find out in ***Steel #1*** by *Steve Lyons & Sean Chen* as a battered and bruised Steel defiantly stands as the only thing between Metallo and the destruction of Metropolis!

Most people are thrilled by the possibility of meeting the Man of Steel... but not the residents of a small town near Omaha, Nebraska. They want him to leave as soon as possible.. but they won't say why. Find out what has 'em so upset in ***Superman #707*** by *J. Michael Straczynski, Eddy Barrows, & J.P. Mayer.*

Nick Spencer & Bernard Chang begin their Girl of Steel run with ***Supergirl #70,*** and they launch with a mystery involving an assassin who is targeting the young heroes of the DC Universe. Who is this villain, and how can Supergirl stop him? Maybe her friends can help - namely, Batgirl, Blue Beetle, Miss Martian, Static and...Robin?!

Not only is the 853rd century in dire peril, so is the 21st! Surely the combined might of the ***DC One Million*** Batman and Superman and the present-day Bats and Supes is enough to save the day, right? No? Well, perhaps this is a job for Robin, The Toy Wonder! See him in action in ***Superman/Batman #80*** by *Chris Roberson & Jesus Merino.*

Howard Chaykin supplies the art for one sequence in ***T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents#3,*** joining *Nick Spencer, Cafu, & Bit* to introduce the evil organization known as Spider.

The Atom and the Justice League guest-star in ***Titans #31*** by *Eric Wallace & Fabrizio Fiorentino* as Ray Palmer comes to some dark conclusions regarding Ryan Choi's murder. Meanwhile, the Tattooed Man must finally decide what kind of man he is when Deathstroke hands him his son's killer, while Osiris has already chosen his path in bringing back his sister Isis – but what will Osiris do when he runs into Shazam?

TITANS 31

DC enlists the talents of *Kevin Van Hook, Aaron Lopresti, Kevin Maguire, Jerry Ordway, & Matt Ryan* to present ***Weird Worlds,*** a six-issue limited series featuring ten-page installments of three different offbeat tales in each issue. Van Hook & Ordway present the continuing adventures of Lobo, everyone's favorite Czarnian. Lopresti introduces his newest creation, the kind-hearted monster called Garbageman. And Kevin Maguire takes readers to the farthest reaches of outer space with the introduction of a hero called Tanga.

Cassie Sandsmark gets her moment in the spotlight in ***Wonder Girl #1*** by *J.T. Krul & Adriana Melo* as she crosses paths with the odd new hero known as Solstice.

In *J. Michael Straczynski & Don Kramer's* ***Wonder Woman #607,*** Diana continues to search for those who have sent hunters to butcher her fellow Amazons. However, as Diana nears the truth, her foes only get more impossible to defeat!

Greg Weisman, Kevin Hopps, & Mike Norton launch the new ***Young Justice*** series based on the upcoming animated Cartoon Network show, kicking things off with a special zero issue that introduces readers to the teen superteam of Robin, Superboy, Kid Flash, and Aqualad.

DC collected editions (some advance solicited for February, and March release) include:

- ***The Authority: The Lost Year Book 2 TP,*** collecting ***The Authority: The Lost Year #s 8-12.***
- ***Batman: Time and the Batman HC,*** collecting ***Batman #s 700-703.***
- ***DC Comics Presents Superman—Sole Survivor,*** collecting ***Legends of the DC Universe #s 1-3 & 39.***
- ***DC Comics Presents the Atom #1,*** collecting ***Legends of the DC Universe #s 28-29 & 40-41.***
- ***DC Comics Presents Lobo #1,*** collecting ***DC First: Superman/Lobo #1, Lobo #s 63 & 64,*** and a tale from the ***DC Infinite Halloween Special.***
- ***Justice League of America: The Dark Things,*** collecting ***Justice League #s 44-48*** and ***Justice Society #s 41-42.***
- ***Gotham Central Book Four: Corrigan HC,*** collecting ***Gotham Central #s 32-40.***
- ***R.E.B.E.L.S.: Sons of Brainiac TP,*** collecting ***R.E.B.E.L.S. #s 15-20.***
- ***Showcase Presents the Justice League of America Volume 5 TP,*** collecting ***Justice League of America #s 84-106***
- ***Suicide Squad Volume 1: Trial by Fire TP,*** collecting ***Suicide Squad #s 1-8*** and a story from ***Secret Origins #14.***
- ***Super Friends: Mystery in Space TP,*** collecting ***Super Friends #s 22-28.***
- ***Superman: The Black Ring HC,*** collecting ***Action Comics #s 890-895.***
- ***Superman: Mon-El Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Superman #s 684-690, Action #874,*** and selections from ***Action Comics Annual #10.***
- ***Superman/Batman: Torment TP,*** collecting ***Superman/Batman #s 37-42.***
- ***Teen Titans: Hunt for Raven TP,*** collecting ***Teen Titans #s 79-87.***
- ***T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents Archives Volume 7 HC,*** collecting ***Wally Wood's T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents #s 1-5,*** collecting 1980s tales by *Steve Englehart, Keith Giffen, Dave Cockrum, George Perez, Murphy Anderson, Jerry Ordway,* and others.

Coming Comics—Vertigo/DC in January

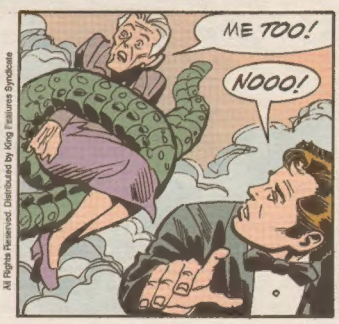
The diminutive versions of the Endless from *Neil Gaiman's* ***Sandman*** mythos are back by popular demand in ***Jill Thompson's Delirium's Party: A Little Endless Storybook HC.*** In an effort to rid Despair of her unhappiness once and for all, Little Delirium throws a party for her dour sister and invites siblings Dream, Destruction, Death, Destiny and Desire. But this is no ordinary affair. After all, the party planner is the personification of delirium...

In ***Fables #101,*** *Bill Willingham, Eric Shanower, & Richard Friend* check in on Bufkin, Frankie and the Magic Mirror in the lost Business Office to see what they've been up to since slaying Baba Yaga.

Many things have conspired to stop John Constantine from getting married, not least of which is John Constantine himself. But this time it's different – this time it's the young, beautiful alchemist Epiphany Greaves. Even as the church fills and the blushing bridegroom slips a carnation into his buttonhole, things can go horribly wrong. Uninvited guests from Heaven and Hell threaten to ruin the wedding of the year in ***Hellblazer #275*** by *Peter Milligan, Giuseppe Camuncoli, & Stefano Landini.*

There's nothing more exciting than college life in the big city. But complications can follow you from dark places – and not just from your boring hometown. In *Brian Wood & Ryan Kelly's* ***The New York Five #1,*** Riley becomes the black sheep of the family as Riley's sister Angie makes a name in the Lower East Side with her new band. Lona's murky past appears to have been hiding an alarming proficiency for stalkerism, and Merissa and Ren will confront uncomfortable situations involving older men. But who is the "five" in ***The New York Five?***

Vertigo collected editions (advance solicited for February and March release) include:



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•***Air Volume 4: A History of the Future TP,*** collecting ***Air #s 18-24.***
•***Daytripper TP,*** collecting the ten-part tale of magical realism by *Gabriel Ba & Fabio Moon.*
•***Human Target: Second Chances TP,*** collecting the first ten issues of the Vertigo series by *Peter Milligan, Cliff Chiang, & Javier Pulido.*
•***DMZ Volume 9: M.I.A. TP,*** collecting ***DMZ #s 50-54.***
•***Hellblazer: Pandemonium TP,*** a softcover version of the original hardcover graphic novel by *Jamie Delano & Jock.*
•***Scalped Volume 7: Rez Blues TP,*** collecting ***Scalped #s 35-42.***

Coming in June 2011 from DC Direct

DC adds a new multi-figure statue set to their line with the two-part ***Superman Family Multi-Part Statue. Part One*** features ***Superboy & Power Girl,*** and includes half of a Superman figure. ***Part 2,*** slated for July release, will feature ***Supergirl & Steel,*** along with the other half of the Superman figure.

The ***Batman: The Return of Bruce Wayne Action Figure*** line includes ***Batman: High Seas, Batman: Witch Hunter, Batman: Prehistoric,*** and ***Batman: Wild West,*** each based on a different issue of *Grant Morrison's* ***Return of Bruce Wayne.***

The ***DC Universe Online Statue*** series continues with two more statues, both based on the art of *Jim Lee:* ***The Flash*** and ***Black Canary.***

The latest addition to the ***Heroes of the DC Universe*** bust series continues to focus on the cast of ***Blackest Night;*** June's offering is ***Blackest Night Red Lantern Atrocitus Bust,*** based on the art of *Ivan Reis.*

For nine consecutive months in 2011, DC Direct will a 1:4 scale light-up Power Battery and light-up ring prop replica set featuring a color from the spectrum of the epic ***Blackest Night.*** June's offering is the ***Blackest Night: Red Lantern 1:4 Scale Power Battery & Ring Prop Replica Set.*** Both sit in a translucent red display and are removable from the stand, and both light up, featuring manual on/off switches.

DC combines brand new repaints of Green Lantern and Sinestro with a 192-page reprint of ***Green Lantern: Rebirth*** in the ***Green Lantern: Rebirth Action Figure Collector Set.***

The battle between Green Lantern and Sinestro is commemorated once again in the ***Green Lantern Vs. Sinestro Mini Statue,*** a 9.75" high cold-cast porcelain mini-statue sculpted by *Tim Bruckner.*

Amanda Conner's art is the inspiration for the ***Heroes of the DC Universe: Hawk Bust,*** depicting Hank Hall in his costumed identity, and the ***Women of the DC Universe Series 3: Dove Bust,*** presenting the costumed guise of Dawn Granger.

The ***Ame-Comi Heroine Series*** continues in June with two more manga-influenced reinterpretations of DC heroines: ***Catwoman (v2) Blue Suit Variant PVC Figure*** and ***Batgirl (v1) Black Suit Variant PVC Figure.***

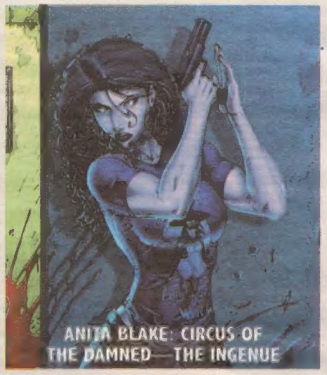
Sookie and Bill are captured in three dimensions in the ***True Blood: True Love Sookie & Bill Statue,*** sculpted by *Karen Palinko.* Measuring approximately 13" high x 7.5" wide x 6.5" deep, the statue is packaged in a 4-color box.

Coming Comics—Marvel in January

Marvel ominously indicates that "mutantkind's final war" starts in ***Age of X: Alpha #1,*** written by *Mike Carey.* So what does it all mean? Looks like we'll find out in January!

As if the Scorpion wasn't bad enough, Alistair Smythe, The Spider-Slayer, returns in *Dan Slott & Stefano Caselli's* ***Amazing Spider-Man #652.*** The Spider-Slayer is about to unleash an entire *insect army* on Spider-Man's world! And as part of his ultimate revenge, Smythe is out turn one of Spidey's first-ever victories into one of his biggest losses.

Laurell K. Hamilton's vampire hunter is back in action in the five part ***Anita Blake: Circus of the Damned—The Ingenue,*** adapted by *Jess Booth & Ron Lim.* Morgues are generally pretty



quiet places. But in a world of vamps and the rising dead, they can be quite the opposite. Join animator Anita Blake as her search for a serial killer takes her to the most dangerous after-hours hangout in St. Louis!

Avengers Academy takes on the Hood in ***Avengers Academy #8*** by *Christos Gage & Mike McKone*. But how does it tie in to the Hood's new quest in ***The Avengers?***

Marvel spotlights its big event tales in ***Blockbusters of the Marvel Universe,*** a handbook spotlighting all those big Marvel happenings of the past.

From the dark days of World War II to the Heroic Age, witness the brutal battle between Captain America and the Marvel's green-clad agency of evil in ***Captain America: Hail Hydra,*** a five-parter by *Jonathan Maberry & Sergio Cariello*. How far back has the gruesome group been killing its way to capture the secrets of eternal life? And what can Steve Rogers do to halt its sinister spread – when the horrific hordes of the undead rise to stop him?

Where—and *when*—is Casanova Quinn. *Matt Fraction & Fabio Moon* reveal the answers in ***Casanova: Gula,*** a four-issue miniseries.

The apocalyptic events of ***Shadowland*** have left the once-proud legacy of Daredevil in tatters. Now, far from the mean streets of Hell's Kitchen, a new evil is rising, and the only man crazy enough to face it is a man with nothing left to lose. The road to Hell was paved with good intentions, but the long road to redemption is the far harder path, as *Andy Diggle & Davide Gianfelice* reveal in ***Daredevil: Reborn #1.***

The Hulk and the Red Hulk team up to stop the Intelligencia's assault in ***Hulk #29*** by *Jeff Parker & Gabriel Hardman*. But was there an even bigger development hidden behind this master plan?

Three generations of Starks face their ultimate foe, seventy-some years in the future, in ***Invincible Iron Man #500*** by *Matt Fraction & Salvador Larroca*, a 104-page anniversary issue. Meanwhile, in the present, Spider-Man joins Iron Man as he tries to fill in the blanks of his missing memory. What if amnesia was a weapon? What if the smartest man in the land had ten nightmares that all came true? Who is the son of Tony Stark? What's inside of the rings?

Before the Brotherhood, before his greatest battles with the X-Men, there was a man named Erik Magnus, gathering mutants to join his cause. Does the young Magneto have what it takes to build an army? And what does all of this have to do with The Absorbing Man? Find out in ***Magneto #1,*** written by *Howard Chaykin*.

Apparently, if one mutant does it, then *everyone* wants to do it. *Stuart Moore & Ariel Olivetti* send the Sub-Mariner to hell in ***Namor: The First Mutant #6.*** Can even the X-Men help him now? And with its king missing, what will happen to New Atlantis?

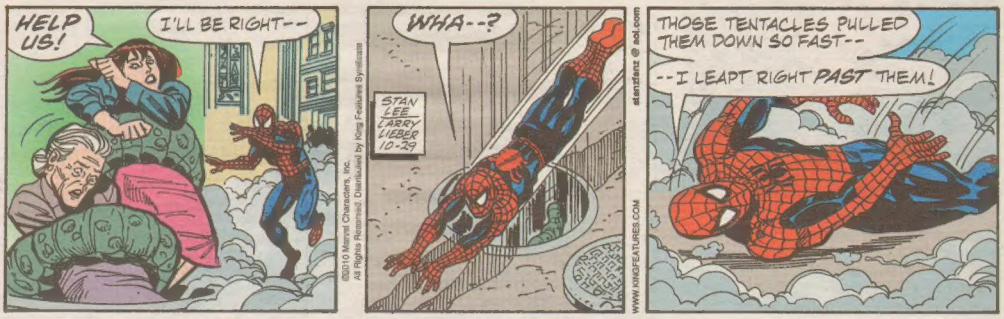
The adaptation of ***Orson Scott Card's*** Ender's Saga continues with ***Orson Scott Card's Speaker for the Dead #1,*** the kickoff issue of a five-parter by *Aaron Johnston & Pop Mahn*.Now an adult, Ender is called to investigate a murder committed by a new alien species with a seemingly gruesome nature. Can Ender uncover the truth before another species and more human lives are lost?

The Stand: No Man's Land #1 continues the multi-series adaptation of *Stephen King's* epic novel, courtesy of *Robert Aguirre-Sacasa & Mike Perkins*. While Frannie and Stu struggle to find a balance between their personal lives and their public personas, an unholy, unspeakable alliance is born between Harold Lauder and Nadine Cross. It's a date with destiny, orchestrated by the Dark Man, and it could very well mean doom for the Boulder Free Zone.

The Thanos Imperative is over… but who and what has survived? What happened to Thanos? What about Lord Mar-Vell and the Cancerverse? Who rules the Kree and the Shi'Ar? *Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, & Miguel Sepulveda* deliver the answers in ***The Thanos Imperative: Devastation.***

Captain America meets his ultimate nemesis—the Captain America of the Vietnam War—in ***Ultimate Comics Captain America #1*** by *Jason Aaron & Ron Garney*. As new enemies face off, old secrets from the super soldier project are revealed in this tale of one man's quest to serve his country… and the sacrifices he must make.

Kathryn Immonen & Phil Noto unite the vampiric Jubilee and the feral Wolverine in the four-part ***Wolverine & Jubilee #1.*** While the X-Men try to find a way to give Jubilee as normal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a life as is inhumanly feasible, her decidedly abnormal vampire cravings will not be denied. And just when Jubilee starts to think that there is no place for her anywhere, a group of vampire women make her an offer she can't refuse. It seems like the perfect solution…unless Wolverine has anything to say about it!

X-23's search for her soul continues in *X-23* #5 by *Marjorie Liu & Will Conrad*. What does Mr. Sinister have to do with Laura's past… and how is Miss Sinister trying to influence her future? Find out in this tale guest-starring Gambit.

Marvel collected volumes include:

•***Anita Blake: Circus of the Damned Book One—The Charmer Premiere HC,*** collecting the five-part miniseries.

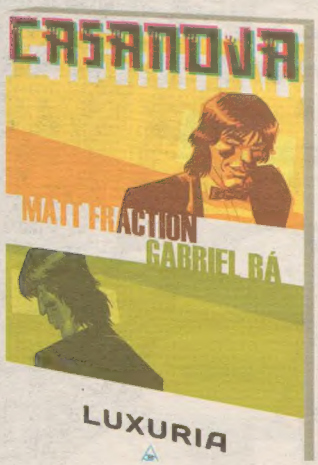
•***Avengers Academy: Permanent Record Premiere HC,*** collecting *Avengers Academy #s 1-6.*

•***Avengers by Brian Michael Bendis Volume 1 Premiere HC,*** collecting *Avengers #s 1-6.*

•***Captain America: Forever Allies HC,*** collecting the four-part miniseries and more.

•***Captain America: Man & Wolf TP,*** collecting *Captain America #s 402-408.*

•***Captain America: Operation Rebirth Premiere HC,*** collecting *Cap #s 444-448 & 450-454.*



•***Casanova Volume 1: Luxuria TP,*** collecting the first arc by *Matt Fraction, Gabriel Ba, & Fabio Moon.*

•***Dark Tower: The Gunslinger—The Journey Begins Premiere HC,*** collecting the five-part miniseries.

•***Deadpool Classic Volume 4 TP,*** collecting *Deadpool #s 18-25 & 0* and *Deadpool & Death Annual 1998.*

•***Deathlok: The Demolisher TP,*** collecting *Deathlok #s 1-7.*

•***Hawkeye & Mockingbird: Ghosts TP,*** collecting *Hawkeye & Mockingbird #s 1-6.*

•***Hulk: The End TP,*** collecting *Hulk: The End* and *Future Imperfect #s 1 & 2.*

•***Hulk Volume 2 HC,*** collecting *Hulk (2008) #s 10-18 & Incredible Hulk #600.*

•***Incredible Hulks: Dark Son Premiere HC,*** collecting *Incredible Hulks #s 612-617.*

•***Iron Man Noir GN,*** a smaller-trim-size collection of *Iron Man Noir #s 1-4.*

•***Kookaburra K TP,*** collecting *Kookaburra K #s 1-3.*

•***Marvel Masterworks Doctor Strange Volume 5 HC,*** collecting *Marvel Premiere #s 9-14* and *Doctor Strange #s 1-9.*

•***Marvel Masterworks Fantastic Four Volume 5 TP,*** collecting *FF #s 41-50.*

•***Millar & McNiven's Nemesis Premiere HC,*** collecting the four-parter by *Mark Millar & Steve McNiven.*

•***New Avengers by Brian Michael Bendis Volume 1 Premiere HC,*** collecting *New Avengers #s 1-6.*

•***Orson Scott Card's Ender in Exile Premiere HC,*** collecting the five-part miniseries.

•***Secret Avengers Volume 1: Mission to Mars Premiere HC,*** collecting *Secret Avengers #s 1-5*

•***Siege: Dark Avengers TP,*** collecting *Dark Avengers #s 13-16 & Annual #1.*

•***Siege: Mighty Avengers TP,*** collecting *Mighty Avengers #s 32-36.*

•***Siege: New Avengers TP,*** collecting *New Avengers #s 61-64* and more.

•***Spider-Man: Big Time Premiere HC,*** collecting *Amazing Spider-Man #s 648-651.*

•***Spider-Man: The Complete Clone Saga Epic Book 5 TP,*** collecting 488 pages of Peter Parker-Ben Reilly melodrama.

•***Spider-Man/ Fantastic Four HC,*** collecting the four-parter with bonus stories.

•***Spider-Man: The Gauntlet Volume 4—Juggernaut TP,*** collecting *Amazing Spider-Man #s 626-629 & 229-230.*

•***Tales of the Dragon Guard TP,*** collecting *Tales of the Dragon Guard #s 1-3.*

•***Steve Rogers: Super-Soldier Premiere HC,*** collecting the four-part miniseries.

•***Thor: Ragnarok TP,*** collecting *Thor #s 272-278.*

•***What If? Classic Volume 7 TP,*** collecting *What If? #s 40-42, 44-47,* and selected pages from #43.

•***Wolverine: The Reckoning TP,*** collecting *Wolverine Origins #s 46-50* and *Dark Wolverine #s 85-87.*

•***X-Factor Volume 10: Second Coming TP,*** collecting *X-Factor #s 204-206* and *Nation X: X-Factor.*

•***X-Men: Fall of the Mutants HC,*** collecting the 824-page saga from *New Mutants, Uncanny X-Men, X-Factor,* and more.

•***X-Men Forever 2 Volume 1: Back in Action TP,*** collecting *X-Men Forever 2 #s 1-5.*

•***The X-Men Omnibus Volume 2 HC,*** collecting *X-Men #s 32-66, Avengers #66, Ka-Zar #s 2 & 3, Marvel Tales #30,* and *Not Brand Echh #s 4 & 8.*

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